ARTICLE I. Name of Organization. This organization shall be known as the "Hastings International & Comparative Law Society". The name of the organization may be abbreviated as "HICLS".

ARTICLE II. Purpose. The purpose of HICLS is 1) to encourage student interest in international and comparative law; 2) to stimulate dialogue about international issues within the community at Hastings College of the Law; and 3) to provide information about careers in international law.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

Section 1. Eligibility. Any full-time student at Hastings College of the Law is eligible to become a member of HICLS.

Section 2. Admission. An eligible student shall be classified as an active member based on regular participation in HICLS events and programs. Regular participation shall consist of participation in no less than one (1); and attendance at no less than two (2) additional HICLS events or programs per semester.

Section 3. No Fees: No fees or dues shall be assessed for membership in HICLS.

Section 4. Policy of Nondiscrimination. No full-time student at Hastings College of the Law who applies for membership in HICLS shall be refused admission to HICLS, barred access to HICLS events, or treated inequitably on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

Section 5. Loss of Membership. Any member of HICLS who is classified as an active member pursuant to Section 2 of this Article and who fails to comply with the required attendances and participation as outlined in Section 2 may be reclassified as an inactive member.

ARTICLE IV. Officers of the Managing Board.

Section 1. Managing Board. HICLS shall be managed and directed by a Managing Board composed of all acting officers. The Managing Board shall host regular meetings, which are attended by all acting officers and all Committee Board members.

Section 2. Titles of Officers. The officers of the Managing Board shall consist of two (2) co-presidents, one (1) secretary, and may consist of one (1) treasurer, and one (1) committee coordinator to be determined each year at the discretion of the co-presidents.

Section 3. Duties of Officers.

Sub-Part A. Co-Presidents. The co-presidents shall serve as the primary contacts between HICLS and the administration, faculty, ASUCH, and other student organizations; and shall organize and preside over all HICLS meetings. The co-presidents may delegate tasks among the Board members, provided that the delegation of tasks more effectively advances the purpose of HICLS.
Sub-Part B. **Secretary.** The secretary shall manage the HICLS list serve and active member file, and serve as the primary outreach contact for HICLS, including disseminating presidential communications and club announcements. In addition, the secretary shall coordinate with the co-presidents to procure and manage HICLS finances.

Sub-Part C. **Treasurer.** At the discretion of the co-presidents, the treasurer may procure and manage HICLS finances, including the Dickinson Scholarship Fund; create and manage the HICLS budget; represent HICLS during ASUCH budget appeals; disburse funds for events; and serve as the primary contact between HICLS and the ASUCH treasurer.

Sub-Part D. **Committee Coordinator.** At the discretion of the co-presidents, the committee coordinator may supervise the implementation by the committee chairpersons of all HICLS annual programs as specified in Article VII and as directed by the co-presidents.

Section 4. **Eligibility for Office.** Any active member is eligible to hold office.

Section 5. **Method of Application.** All interested candidates for office for the following academic year must apply for office by submitting a complete application to HICLS by 5:00 PM Pacific Time on the second Friday in April. A complete application shall consist of 1) a candidate statement explaining how the candidate satisfies the selection criteria, and 2) a résumé.

Section 6. **Method of Selection.** Determination of the method of selection shall be left to the discretion of the co-presidents.

Section 7. **Selection Criteria.** Each candidate for office shall be judged according to 1) the candidate’s interest in the office in particular and in international or comparative law generally, 2) the candidate’s experience in similar positions and in the fields of law relevant to the organization, and 3) the candidate’s ability to advance the purpose of the organization.

Section 8. **Terms of Offices.**

Sub-Part A. **Duration of Term.** All officers shall take office immediately after their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Sub-Part B. **Concurrent Terms Permitted.** An officer may hold more than one (1) office during a single term.

Sub-Part C. **No Term Limits.** An officer may serve for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office.

Section 9. **Method of Filling Vacancies.**

Sub-Part A. **Office of the President.** Should one of the two offices of the president become vacant for any reason, the remaining co-president shall act as sole president for
the remainder of the term, unless he/she chooses to appoint an active member to co-lead with him/her.

Sub-Part B. **Other Offices.** If any office of the Managing Board other than the office of the president should become vacant, then that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the co-presidents for the remainder of the term.

**ARTICLE V. Committee Chairs.**

Section 1. **Committee Board.** The HICLS annual programs set forth in Article VII shall be implemented by a Committee Board composed of the acting chairpersons for all of the current HICLS committees and coordinated with the HICLS Managing Board at the regular Managing Board meetings.

Section 2. **Committees and Chairpersons.** The HICLS committees shall consist of one (1) colloquia committee, one (1) symposia committee, one (1) international and academic liaison committee, and as many ad hoc committees as needed. Each committee shall be chaired by at least one (1) chairperson. The committees shall receive their tasks from the co-presidents.

**Section 3. Duties of Chairpersons.**

Sub-Part A. **Colloquia Chairperson.** The colloquia chairperson shall chair the colloquia committee and shall be responsible for implementing the colloquia programs, carrying out any assigned tasks, and staffing the committee as appropriate for accomplishing the tasks of the colloquia committee.

Sub-Part B. **Symposia Chairperson.** The symposia chairperson shall chair the symposia committee and shall be responsible for implementing the symposia programs, carrying out any assigned tasks, and staffing the committee as appropriate for accomplishing the tasks of the symposia committee.

Sub-Part C. **International and Academic Liaison.** The international and academic liaison shall chair a committee and shall be responsible for organizing events for HICLS members to socialize with L.L.M. and exchange students and informative panels regarding academic opportunities on campus; carrying out any assigned tasks; and for staffing the committee as appropriate for accomplishing the tasks of the committee.

Sub-Part D. **Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson(s).** Ad hoc committee chairpersons shall chair ad hoc committees that are established as needed for fulfilling the mission and goals of HICLS, and shall be responsible for carrying out any assigned tasks.

Section 4. **Eligibility for Chairpersonship.** Any full-time student at Hastings College of the Law who is present at the Annual Meeting during the fall semester is eligible to be selected as a committee chairperson.

**Section 5. Method of Selection.**
Sub-Part A. **Self-Nomination.** Any member who wishes to serve as a chairperson may nominate him or herself for candidacy by making a written or oral request for selection to the co-presidents.

Sub-Part B. **Selection by Co-Presidents.** The co-presidents may select chairpersons from candidates who have nominated themselves according to the procedure described in Sub-Part A of this Section.

**Section 6. Terms of Chairpersonship.**

Sub-Part A. **Duration of Term.** All chairpersons shall assume their chairs immediately after their election and shall remain in the position until their successors are selected.

Sub-Part B. **Concurrent Terms Permitted.** A chairperson may hold more than one (1) chair during a term.

Sub-Part C. **No Term Limits.** A chairperson may serve for more than one (1) consecutive term in the same chair.

**Section 7. Method of Filling Vacancies.** If any chair should become vacant for any reason, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the co-presidents for the remainder of the term.

**ARTICLE VI. Meetings.**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The first meeting of HICLS shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports from acting officers and committees, and delegating tasks regarding organizing HICLS events. The Annual Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of the fall semester. At least one (1) of the two co-presidents of HICLS shall preside at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 2. Officer Meeting.** The managing board and committee board shall meet on a routine basis throughout the academic calendar year to coordinate events, resources, and efforts. This meeting shall take place during a dead hour and be open to any and all HICLS members.

**Section 3. Committee Meetings.** The committee chairpersons or the committee coordinator may call committee meetings at any time for the purpose of carrying out committee business. The corresponding committee chairperson, the committee coordinator, or a delegate shall preside at any committee meeting.

**Section 4. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by either of the co-presidents or by the request of five (5) active members of HICLS. Notice of at least two (2) days shall be given to all members. At least one (1) of the two co-presidents of HICLS shall preside at any special meeting.

**ARTICLE VII. Annual Programs.**

**Section 1. Events.**

Sub-Part A. **Colloquia.** HICLS shall provide information about careers in international law by organizing a series of colloquia focusing on current and relevant substantive
issues of international or comparative law. Such colloquia may consist of conferences, panels, or other event formats focusing on substantive issues. At least one (1) colloquium shall focus on public international law, and at least one (1) colloquium shall focus on private international law.

Sub-Part B. **Symposia.** HICLS shall encourage student interest in international and comparative law and simulate dialogue about international issues within the community at Hastings College of the Law by organizing a series of symposia aimed at disseminating information about academic and professional opportunities and tracks in international or comparative law. Such symposia may consist of career panels, meet-and-greet mixers, study abroad panels, or other similar events.

Sub-Part C. **Social Events.** HICLS shall provide opportunities for active members to socialize with the international and graduate students program participants.

Section 2. **Mentorship Program.** HICLS shall promote provide information about careers in international law by either facilitating an existing mentorship program or operating its own mentorship program in conjunction with the International and Graduate Studies Program.

**ARTICLE VIII.** Amendment of Bylaws.

Section 1. **Amendment in General.** These bylaws may be amended by the active members of HICLS at any special meeting of HICLS by two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the active members present at the special meeting.

Section 2. **Amendment by Co-Presidents.** These bylaws may be amended at any time by the co-presidents, provided that both co-presidents consent.

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Signature of Co-President 

Date